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# Raffard the White

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- *Gwent: The Witcher Card Game*

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**Raffard the White** was a Temerian sorcerer and alchemist who served King Abdank, though as the king was disabled, he served as *de facto* ruler.[1]

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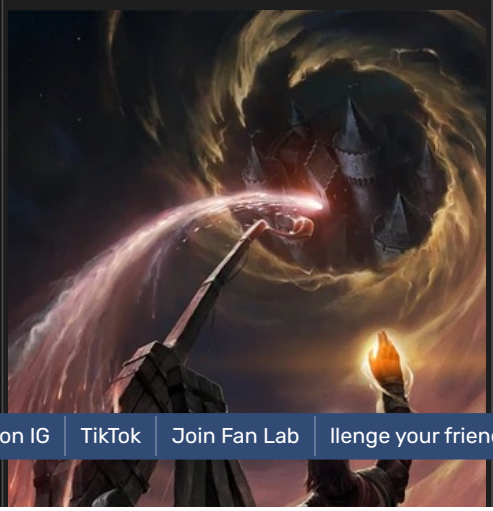

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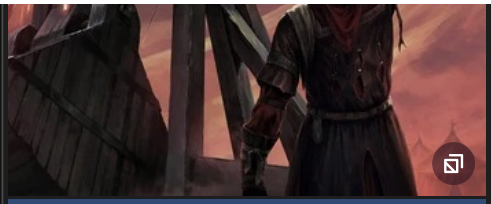

| Basic Information | |
|---|---|
| Alias(es) | White Raffard |
| Status | Deceased (killed by a Chapter mage) |
| Nationality | |
| **Physical Information** | |
| Race | Human |
| Gender | Male |
| **Personal Information** | |
| Profession | Advisor<br>Mage |
| Affiliation(s) | King Abdank of Temeria |
| Abilities | Magic |
| **Appearance(s)** | |

# Biography

## Six Years' War

In 830, the so-called Six Years' War broke out in which Abdank together with his vassals fought against Cintra for control over lands in middle Yaruga. Its became devastating for both sides until 836, when Raffard managed to reconcile the kings and convince them to negotiate a peace treaty.[1]

The war resulted in Raffard's increasing importance in court and he was even offered the crown. In a noble gesture, Raffard refused it but nevertheless accepted the position of the first adviser in which he effectively exerted actual power.[2]

## Royal Advisor

In order to keep Abdank busy, Raffard fed his interest in alchemy. All sorts of alchemists from different lands were promised fame and fortune, invited to Vizima, ordered to turn lead into gold, and then executed after they failed. Ultimately the word got around and alchemists began to avoid Temeria.[3]

## Brotherhood War

Sometime in the second half of the century, the Brotherhood of Sorcerers formed the Chapter of the Gift and the Art, and those who refused to acknowledge the Chapter and submit to their laws, including Raffard, were killed in a bloody war of mages.[2]

# Legacy

Raffard has been immortalized by a potion called White Raffard's Decoction.[4]

# Notes

- As revealed by Jason Slama, game director of *Gwent: The Witcher Card Game* and *GWENT: Rogue Mage*, Raffard was the master of Lylianna.

# Trivia

- There is a possibility that Raffard the White was loosely inspired by Saruman the White from *The Lord of the Rings*. Both carry a similar name and are powerful mages.

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